Instructions for Use

SOUNDGATE 3

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Congratulations on the purchase of your new SoundGate 3. Your SoundGate 3 allows you to connect wirelessly between your hearing aids and a wide range of audio devices via Bluetooth®.

Whether communicating wirelessly via your mobile telephone device or streaming audio through your television, computer, or MP3 player, this guide will offer the instructions necessary to get you on your way to better hearing.

Please read the entire contents of this booklet before using your SoundGate 3. It contains instructions on how to use and how to handle your SoundGate 3. It also contains important safety information.
Instructions for Use

The following models are covered by these instructions: **SoundGate 3**.

The SoundGate 3 is intended to be used as:

1. A remote control for your hearing aid(s), for volume and program changes

2. A streaming interface between external audio devices (e.g., mobile telephones, TV, GPS, etc.) and your hearing aid(s)

The SoundGate 3 can be connected to an iPhone® and to an Android™ smartphone, allowing you to alternatively control your hearing aid(s) via the Bernafon SoundGate App. Please refer to page 35 for more details on compatibility.

“Made for iPhone” means that an electronic accessory has been designed to connect specifically to iPhone, and has been certified by the developer to meet Apple performance standards. Apple is not responsible for the operation of this device or its compliance with safety and regulatory standards. Please note that the use of this accessory with iPhone may affect wireless performance.

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General Warnings

Familiarize yourself with the following general warnings before using your SoundGate 3.

Hazard Warnings

⚠️ SoundGate 3 is not a toy and should be kept away from children and vulnerable persons. Special attention should be paid to the smaller components in order to prevent swallowing or choking. If a part is swallowed, see a doctor immediately.

⚠️ Never expose the SoundGate 3 to excessive heat, such as putting it in an oven, microwave, burning it or leaving it inside a parked car in the sun. There is a risk in these events that it will explode and cause serious injury.

⚠️ If by accident the neck strap should get caught on something while the user is wearing it, the neck strap is constructed to break automatically. Therefore, never try to shorten or modify the neck strap in an unauthorized way. The neck strap should not be used for children who weigh less than 11 kg (24 lbs).
⚠️ Using SoundGate 3 with a mobile telephone while driving may be distracting. If traffic laws or driving conditions demand it, pull off the road and park your vehicle prior to making and answering calls.

⚠️ SoundGate 3 should not be used in an aircraft unless specifically permitted by the flight personnel.

⚠️ SoundGate 3 is designed to comply with the most stringent Standards of International Electromagnetic Compatibility. However, SoundGate 3 might cause interference with other medical devices such as defibrillators and pacemakers.

- Please contact the manufacturer of your implantable device for information about the risk of disturbance.
- Immediately remove the SoundGate 3 if interference is suspected. Do not use SoundGate 3 and seek advice.

Interference can also be caused by power line disturbances, airport metal detectors, electromagnetic fields from other medical devices, radio signals and electrostatic discharges.
⚠️ The safe use of the SoundGate 3 with the auxiliary input cable is determined by an external signal source. When the input cable is connected to mains-operated equipment, this equipment must comply with IEC-60065, IEC-60950, IEC-60601 or equivalent safety standards.

⚠️ The safety of recharging batteries with the USB connector is determined by the external equipment which should be UL approved or comply with equivalent IEC-60065, IEC-60950, IEC-60601 or other equivalent safety standards.

⚠️ Do not attempt to open the battery compartment, as it may damage the battery.
Introduction

The following items are included in your SoundGate 3 package and will be covered within this instruction guide:

SoundGate 3

3.5 mm stereo cable

Power adapter

Neck strap
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Charger cradle
Protective skin
USB charging cable

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SoundGate 3 Overview

1  Power ON/OFF
2  LED indicator
3a  Volume up key
3b  Volume down key
4  Auxiliary input key
5  TV key
6  Phone key
7  Microphone inlet
8  Neck strap jacks
9  3.5 mm auxiliary input
10  Micro-USB charger jack
Getting Started

The SoundGate 3 contains a rechargeable battery. Ensure your battery is completely charged prior to use.

Charging the Battery

The SoundGate 3 should be charged daily to ensure sufficient battery life during normal hours of operation.

The SoundGate 3 can be charged in the following ways:

- Connect the power adapter to the micro-USB charger jack on the SoundGate 3. Then plug the power adapter into a wall socket.

- Connect the USB charging cable to the micro-USB charger jack on the SoundGate 3. Then plug the opposite end into the USB port on your computer.
· Plug the power adapter into the micro-USB jack of the charger cradle. Then plug the power adapter into a wall socket, and mount your SoundGate 3 into the cradle with the power key facing up.

· When using the SoundGate 3 in a vehicle, you may connect the USB charging cable to the micro-USB charger jack on the SoundGate 3. Then plug the opposite end into a 12 V car USB port or adapter (not included).
Battery Indication

The LED indicator on the top of your SoundGate 3 will help you monitor the status of your battery life and/or charging status.

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<tr>
<th>LED Indication</th>
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<tr>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Battery status is OK</td>
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<tr>
<td>Red</td>
<td>Battery life is low</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(approx. 20 minutes remaining)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Red (pulsing every 2 – 3 seconds)</td>
<td>Battery life is critically low</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(approx. 5 minutes remaining)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LED Indication</td>
<td>Status</td>
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<td>---------------------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Green (flashing)</td>
<td>Battery is connected to a power source and actively charging</td>
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<td></td>
<td><img src="image" alt="LED Indicator" /></td>
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<tr>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Battery is charged completely (SoundGate 3 powered ON)</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td><img src="image" alt="LED Indicator" /></td>
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<tr>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>Battery is charged completely (SoundGate 3 powered OFF)</td>
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<td><img src="image" alt="LED Indicator" /></td>
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Battery Life

The battery life of your SoundGate 3 depends on the type and duration of usage. The table below indicates the maximum time a completely charged SoundGate 3 battery will run for various functions.

<table>
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<th>Function</th>
<th>Maximum Battery Life</th>
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<td>Stand-by</td>
<td>up to 60 hours</td>
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<tr>
<td>Streaming audio with neck strap attached</td>
<td>up to 10 hours</td>
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<td>Streaming audio without neck strap attached</td>
<td>up to 5 hours</td>
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<td>Battery charge time</td>
<td>2 hours</td>
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Stand-by mode is when the SoundGate 3 is powered ON but is not actively being used. Phone calls with connected Bluetooth® mobile telephones may still be received in stand-by mode.

ℹ️ The rechargeable battery should not be drained completely. Keeping the battery fully charged will prolong its life. You cannot replace the battery yourself. Please return the device to your hearing care professional for service, if necessary.
Attaching the Neck Strap

It is recommended to use your neck strap at all times when streaming audio from the SoundGate 3.

The neck strap serves as an antenna and helps direct the audio signal to your hearing aids.

Insert both ends of the neck strap into the neck strap jacks of your SoundGate 3, as shown below. When the neck strap is inserted completely, it will click.

ℹ️ Using SoundGate 3 without the neck strap requires more power – consequently maximum streaming time is reduced to 5 hours on one full battery charge.
Wearing the SoundGate 3

Please use the guidelines below to determine how your SoundGate 3 should be worn for different types of use.

**Hands Free with Neck Strap**

Recommended uses: Bluetooth® streaming, wired connection to MP3 or PC

**Hand Held or in the Pocket**

Recommended use: remote control
Using the Protective Skin

A protective skin is included in your SoundGate 3 package to help protect the device from debris and light moisture. The protective skin may be used in any of the recommended wearing positions.

To use, insert the SoundGate 3 completely into the protective skin as indicated below.

Clean your protective skin with soap and warm water, and ensure it is completely dry before reinserting your SoundGate 3.
Positioning the Microphone

The microphone in the SoundGate 3 is only active during streamed phone calls. In all other situations, the microphone is turned off.

To ensure optimal sound quality for the person you are speaking with during streamed phone calls, it is recommended to position the SoundGate 3 microphone 10 – 30 cm (4 – 12 inches) from your mouth.

30 cm
Operating the SoundGate 3

Your SoundGate 3 can be used in many ways to improve communication.

Whether using the SoundGate 3 as a remote control to change your hearing aid volume and program settings, or streaming audio from Bluetooth®-enabled devices, the following pages will help you to become better acquainted with the operation of your SoundGate 3.
Turning your SoundGate 3 ON and OFF

Press the SoundGate 3 power key for approximately 2 seconds to turn your SoundGate 3 ON/OFF.

The LED indicator on the top of the SoundGate 3 will be green when your device is powered ON with a charged battery.

The LED indicator will be off when your SoundGate 3 is powered OFF.

If the SoundGate 3 is powered OFF and its battery is being charged, the LED indicator will flash green.
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<th>SoundGate 3 Status</th>
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<td>Power ON with charged battery</td>
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<td><img src="image2.png" alt="Power OFF" /></td>
<td>Power OFF</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><img src="image3.png" alt="Power OFF with connected power source" /></td>
<td>Power OFF with connected power source</td>
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</table>
Adjusting the Volume and Program Settings

The SoundGate 3 may be used to change the volume and program settings of your hearing aid(s).

**Adjusting Volume**

A short press to the SoundGate 3 volume up or down key will adjust the listening volume in your hearing aid(s).
Changing Programs

If multiple listening programs have been configured, you may cycle forward or backward through the available programs by pressing and holding the SoundGate 3 volume up or down key for approximately 2 seconds.

**Note:** When streaming audio, it is not possible to change listening programs. You must first disconnect from the streamed audio source.
Pairing to a Mobile Telephone or other Bluetooth® Devices

Before streaming audio to your hearing aids, a secure connection must be established between the SoundGate 3 and a Bluetooth®-enabled device (e.g., mobile telephone). Ensure the SoundGate 3 and Bluetooth® device are within 1 meter (3 feet) of each other during the pairing process.

**Prepare Bluetooth® Device for Pairing**
Refer to the manual of the mobile telephone or audio device and prepare the device for Bluetooth® pairing as instructed.

**Set the SoundGate 3 into Pairing Mode**
Press and hold the power key for approximately 5 – 6 seconds until the LED indicator flashes rapidly blue.

Pairing mode will be active for 2 minutes and may be cancelled by pressing the power key for 3 seconds.
Activate Pairing on the Bluetooth® Device

When your Bluetooth® device searches for and locates the SoundGate 3, “SoundGate 3” will appear in the device display. Select the SoundGate 3 from your device menu and when prompted to enter a pin code, enter “0000”.

Some devices may require you to select “Connect” in the display menu. Please refer to the manual of your Bluetooth® device for its specific instructions.

The SoundGate 3 is capable of storing up to 8 paired devices at the same time. When the maximum number of paired devices is reached, the SoundGate 3 will begin to overwrite the oldest pairings.

If you would like to clear all previously paired devices, press and hold the volume up key and power key at the same time for more than 5 seconds.
Connecting to Paired Bluetooth® Devices

When the SoundGate 3 has been paired and is within range of a Bluetooth® device, the devices will automatically locate each other. Use the appropriate button on your SoundGate 3 to choose whichever Bluetooth® device you wish to listen to.
Using with a Mobile Telephone

Your SoundGate 3 provides a Bluetooth® link between your hearing aid(s) and your mobile telephone to act like a wireless headset. You should wear SoundGate 3 with the neck strap at all times when using with a mobile telephone.

Once you have paired your mobile telephone to the SoundGate 3 as instructed above, the mobile telephone will automatically indicate that a Bluetooth® connection is active.

Make an Outgoing Phone Call

When connected via Bluetooth® to your SoundGate 3, calls made by your mobile telephone will automatically be transmitted to your hearing aid(s). You do not need to operate the SoundGate 3.
**Answer an Incoming Phone Call**

You will hear a ringing tone in your hearing aids when you receive phone calls to your Bluetooth® connected mobile telephone. The phone key on your SoundGate 3 will also flash rapidly green. A short press to the SoundGate 3 phone key will accept the incoming call. The phone key will remain illuminated green as long as the call is active.

**While Talking**

Speak into the microphone of the SoundGate 3 (optimal distance between your mouth and the SoundGate 3 microphone is approximately 30 cm / 12 inches).
Transfer a Call back to the Mobile Telephone

During a call, press and hold the SoundGate 3 phone key for 2–3 seconds to transfer control of the call back to the mobile telephone. A subsequent 2–3 second press will return control to the SoundGate 3.

Such call transfers typically must also be acknowledged/accepted on the connected mobile phone.

Mute Hearing Aid Microphones

If distracted by background noise during a mobile phone call, you may press and hold the volume up or down key for 2–3 seconds to mute your hearing aid microphones.
End a Phone Call

When a phone call is complete, a short press on the SoundGate 3 phone key will terminate the call. The previous listening program or streaming state will resume.

You may also end the call from your mobile telephone or wait for the person on the other end to terminate the call. The previous listening program or streaming state will also resume in this case.

Reject an Incoming Phone Call

A short press on the SoundGate 3 volume down key will reject an incoming call and the current listening program or streaming state will resume.
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<th><strong>Last Call Return</strong></th>
<th>To automatically prompt a call to the last number dialed from your paired Bluetooth® mobile telephone, press and hold the SoundGate 3 phone key for 2 – 3 seconds.</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Voice Dialing</strong></td>
<td>For connected mobile telephones which support voice dialing, a short press on the SoundGate 3 phone key will enable voice dial function.</td>
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Using the SoundGate App

If you are using an iPhone or Android smartphone (SoundGate App for iPhone runs on iPhone 6 Plus, iPhone 6, iPhone 5s, iPhone 5c, iPhone 4s, and iPhone 4, and Android smartphones), you can alternatively control your hearing aid volume, program, and more via the Bernafon SoundGate App.

The app can be downloaded from the App Store and Google Play™. Search for “Bernafon SoundGate” and then click to install this free app.

Before using the Bernafon SoundGate App, an active Bluetooth® connection must first be made between your SoundGate 3 and your iPhone or Android smartphone.
Using with an MP3 Player or Computer

The SoundGate 3 can be used to connect to audio sources such as MP3 players or personal computers either:

- Via a wireless Bluetooth® connection, or
- Via a wired cable connection

**Wireless Connection**

To hear music or audio wirelessly from an MP3 player or computer with built-in Bluetooth®, make sure the device has been paired to your SoundGate 3 (pages 27 to 29), that both devices are powered on, and are within range of each other (< 10 meters / 33 feet). Begin audio streaming by giving a short press to the SoundGate 3 auxiliary input key.

When audio streaming is active, the auxiliary input key will illuminate orange.

To end listening through the wireless source and resume the previous listening program or streaming state, give another short press to the auxiliary input key.
Wired Connection

The SoundGate 3 can also be used with a wide range of audio devices via a wired connection.

Plug one end of the 3.5 mm stereo cable included with your SoundGate 3 into the appropriate 3.5 mm headset jack of the MP3, computer or audio source of choice. Plug the opposite end into the 3.5 mm auxiliary input jack of the SoundGate 3.

Ensure the music or audio source in your device is playing and un-muted, and give a short press to the SoundGate 3 auxiliary input key to begin listening.

To end listening through the wired source and resume the previous listening program or streaming state, give another short press to the auxiliary input key.
Audio streaming is one-way communication from the SoundGate 3 to the hearing aid(s). When audio streaming is stopped, the SoundGate 3 instructs the hearing aids to release the controls and resume normal operation.

The SoundGate 3 has been linked to your hearing aid(s) by your hearing care professional. The hearing aid(s) will only accept remote control commands and audio streaming from the SoundGate 3 to which they are linked. This ensures that other hearing aids cannot intercept phone calls or other audio from your SoundGate 3.
Using the Telephone Coil

The SoundGate 3 has a built-in induction loop receiver, which can be used to pick up audio information from auditoriums, churches or public buildings which have an installed audio loop.

If you are unsure if a location has an audio loop installed, look for the universal symbol below.

To activate and begin listening via an installed audio loop, press and hold the SoundGate 3 auxiliary input key for 2–3 seconds.

To end listening through the looped source and resume the previous listening program or streaming state, give another 2–3 second press to the auxiliary input key.
SoundGate 3 Wireless Range

External Audio Devices (Bluetooth®)

The SoundGate 3 has a built in Bluetooth® receiver, which is used to receive audio signals from external communication devices that also use Bluetooth®. Mobile telephones, wireless headsets and laptop computers are all among the devices you may wish to stream audio from. See pages 27 to 29 of this manual for step-by-step instructions to pair your SoundGate 3 to a specific Bluetooth®-enabled device.

In order to pair to or stream audio information from an external Bluetooth®-enabled device, it is recommended to keep your SoundGate 3 within a range of approximately 10 meters (33 feet). This range may be affected by objects between the SoundGate 3 and the connected Bluetooth® device. This range may also be affected by the quality of the other device’s antenna.
Hearing Aid Range

The SoundGate 3 has a built-in wireless transmitter, which automatically streams audio information to your hearing aid(s).

In order to stream information without interruption, it is recommended to keep your SoundGate 3 and your hearing aid(s) within a range of approximately 1 meter (40 inches). This range could be reduced by metal objects and/or strong magnetic fields.
Always wear the neck strap antenna while streaming audio from your SoundGate 3.
## Visual Indicators

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<th>Status</th>
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<td><strong>Phone key</strong></td>
<td>Blinking GREEN</td>
<td>Phone ringing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Steady GREEN</td>
<td>Active phone call</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>No light</td>
<td>No active calls</td>
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<td><strong>TV Key</strong></td>
<td>Blinking ORANGE</td>
<td>Pairing to TV Adapter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Steady ORANGE</td>
<td>Active streaming TV Adapter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>No light</td>
<td>No streaming TV Adapter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Auxiliary Input Key</strong></td>
<td>Fading ORANGE</td>
<td>(Paired) Auxiliary source available</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Steady ORANGE</td>
<td>Active streaming Auxiliary source, T-coil</td>
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<td>No light</td>
<td>No streaming Auxiliary source, T-coil</td>
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<td>Light</td>
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<td><strong>LED Indicator</strong></td>
<td>Blinking BLUE</td>
<td>Bluetooth® Pairing Mode</td>
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<td>Steady GREEN</td>
<td>Battery OK</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Blinking GREEN</td>
<td>Battery charging</td>
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<td>Steady RED</td>
<td>Battery is low</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Blinking RED</td>
<td>Battery is critically low</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>No light</td>
<td>SoundGate 3 is OFF</td>
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## Troubleshooting

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<td>The SoundGate 3 is powered OFF</td>
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<td></td>
<td>The SoundGate 3 battery is critically low</td>
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<tr>
<td>My Bluetooth® device is not locating the SoundGate 3</td>
<td>The SoundGate 3 is out of range</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The SoundGate 3 is already connected and within range of another active Bluetooth® device</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pairing was unsuccessful</td>
<td>The SoundGate 3 and/or Bluetooth® device was not in pairing mode when attempting to pair</td>
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<td></td>
<td>The incorrect passcode was entered</td>
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**Troubleshooting**

**Pairing Problem**

**Solution**

Turn the SoundGate 3 ON

Recharge the SoundGate 3 battery

Ensure the paired SoundGate 3 and Bluetooth® device are within 10 meters of each other

Turn OFF any active Bluetooth® devices which have previously been paired to the SoundGate 3

Ensure the SoundGate 3 and Bluetooth® device are actively in their pairing states when repeating the pairing process. Press and hold the SoundGate 3 power key for approximately 5–6 seconds until the LED indicator flashes rapidly blue. The SoundGate 3 pairing mode is active for 2 minutes.

Repeat the pairing process and enter the password: **0000** (four zeros) into the Bluetooth® device
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<th>Problem</th>
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<tr>
<td>The SoundGate 3 phone key does not blink when the phone is ringing, and there is no ringing indication in the hearing aids</td>
<td>The SoundGate 3 and phone are not paired to each other</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The SoundGate 3 phone key is blinking when the phone is ringing but I hear no ringing indication in my hearing aids</td>
<td>The Bluetooth® function and/or power are turned OFF on the SoundGate 3 or Bluetooth® phone</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The audio in my hearing aids drops out</td>
<td>The SoundGate 3 battery is critically low</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The audio in my hearing aids drops out</td>
<td>The SoundGate 3 is out of range</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The neck strap antenna is not mounted to the SoundGate 3</td>
<td>The SoundGate 3 is out of Bluetooth® range</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Phone Problem

Solution

Pair the SoundGate 3 and selected Bluetooth® phone (see pages 27 to 29)

Ensure the SoundGate 3 and Bluetooth® phone are powered ON. Refer to the manual of your Bluetooth® phone to ensure Bluetooth® function is active.

Recharge the SoundGate 3 battery

Ensure the SoundGate 3 is kept within 1 meter (40 inches) of the hearing aids. For optimum performance always use the neck strap antenna.

Ensure the SoundGate 3 and Bluetooth® phone are within the recommended 10 meters of each other

While streaming, it is recommended to use the neck strap antenna to prevent drop outs
<table>
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<tr>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>Problem</th>
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<tr>
<td>The other party has difficulty hearing my voice on the phone</td>
<td>The SoundGate 3 microphone is not picking up your voice clearly</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I have difficulty understanding the other party when I am in noisy environments</td>
<td>Environmental sounds interfere with speech understanding</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Volume is insufficient</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I hear beeps in my hearing aids when operating my mobile phone</td>
<td>The key press feature is activated in your mobile phone</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Solution

Ensure the SoundGate 3 microphone is positioned within 30 cm (12 inches) of your mouth during wireless phone communication.

Press and hold the volume up or down key for 2 – 3 seconds to mute the hearing aid microphones. **Caution:** Do not mute the hearing aid microphones in listening situations that require your better hearing, e.g. traffic.

Adjust the volume on your SoundGate 3 to a sufficient volume to improve understanding.

Refer to the manual of your phone to deactivate the key press tone feature.
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<th></th>
<th>Problem</th>
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<tr>
<td>Wired Audio</td>
<td>There is no audio in the hearing aids</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>The audio source needs to be turned on and connected to the SoundGate 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Volume level</td>
<td>Volume needs to be adjusted on the connected wired audio source</td>
</tr>
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**Solution**

Verify that the audio source is powered ON and the 3.5 mm jack stereo cable is completely connected to both the SoundGate 3 and the selected device. Refer to the wired connection steps on page 37 of this manual.

Adjust the volume on the audio source to a level that suits you

**Solution**

The SoundGate 3 battery must be charged for at least 20 minutes before it can operate. For optimal use, avoid draining the battery completely.
Maintenance

The SoundGate 3 requires a minimum amount of regular maintenance to ensure proper function. Wipe the SoundGate 3 daily with a dry or slightly damp cloth to remove any debris from its surface.

The microphone opening and audio input ports must be kept free of dirt and debris at all times. The small cleaning brush for your hearing aid(s) may be used to clean these areas.

Do not submerge your SoundGate 3 or its neck strap into water or other liquids at any time.

The SoundGate 3 is sealed and you should not attempt to open it. If problems occur which cannot be solved by the guidelines within this manual, you should contact your hearing care professional.
International Warranty

The Bernafon SoundGate 3 has a limited warranty, covering defects in materials and workmanship. This warranty covers the SoundGate 3 itself, but not accessories such as charger units, cable, etc. This warranty becomes invalid if a defect is a result of misuse or maltreatment.

This warranty is void if non-authorized personnel have repaired the SoundGate 3. Please review the warranty card with your hearing care professional and make sure that your warranty card is completed.

In addition to the Bluetooth® transmitter, the SoundGate 3 contains a radio transmitter using short range magnetic induction technology working at 3.84 MHz. The magnetic field strength of the transmitter is $< -15 \text{ dB} \mu\text{A/m @ 10 m}$.

The emission power from the SoundGate 3 is below international emission limits for human exposure. For comparison, the radiation of the SoundGate 3 is less than unintended electromagnetic radiation from hair dryers, electric shavers, etc.

The SoundGate 3 complies with the international standards concerning electromagnetic compatibility.
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Hearing Centre
Information to the User Regarding the Radio Communication Part of the Device

Bernafon AG
SoundGate 3

FCC ID U6XSGATE3
IC: 7031A-SGATE3

Statement of compliance:

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules and RSS-210 of Industry Canada.

Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause harmful interference, and
2. This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.
Note: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules.

These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation.

If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help
**Caution:** Changes or modifications not expressly approved by Bernafon AG could void the user’s authority to operate the equipment.
Declaration of Conformity

This device is classified as accessory in Class I for medical devices and is in conformance with the essential requirements of the Directive 93/42/EEC of the Council of the European Communities concerning medical devices, MDD. Hereby, Bernafon AG declares that this SoundGate 3 is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of Directive 1999/5/EC.

Declaration of conformity is available at:

Manufacturer
Bernafon AG
Morgenstrasse 131
3018 Bern
Switzerland
www.bernafon.com
Information and Explanation of Symbols

**CE**
The CE conformity marking indicates conformance to all applicable European Directives.

This symbol indicates that it is important for the user to read and take into account the relevant information in these instructions for use.

This sign indicates important safety information that must be observed to minimize risks or to avoid hazardous situations.

Important information for handling and product safety.

The crossed-out wheeled bin indicates that the European Directive 2002/96/EC on waste of electronic equipment applies.

EMC and Radio communications compliance label Australia.
OPERATING CONDITIONS
The product is designed such that it functions without problem or restrictions if used as intended, unless otherwise noted in these instructions for use. The operating temperature for the SoundGate 3 is 10° – 45° Celsius (50° – 113° Fahrenheit).

TRANSPORT AND STORAGE CONDITIONS
During transport or storage, the temperature should not exceed the limit value of –25°/60° Celsius (–13°/140° Fahrenheit)
Service

If none of the actions listed on the previous pages solve the problem, contact your hearing care professional.

**Do not attempt to repair your SoundGate 3 yourself.**

Place stamp with dispenser name and address here: